

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

PAUL LECLAIR
Plaintiff,

vs.

HOME DEPOT USA, INC.,
Defendant.

CIVIL ACTION NO.

CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO LOCAL RULE 16.1

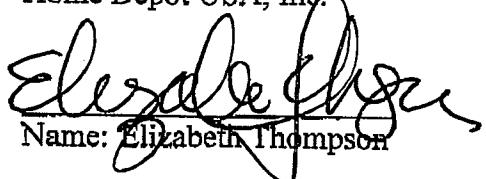
Pursuant to Local Rule 16.1, this certifies that counsel and an authorized representative of Home Depot USA, Inc., have conferred regarding the following issues:

1. A budget for the cost of litigating this matter through trial or other resolution; and
2. Consideration of alternative forms of dispute resolution at the appropriate time during the case.

Dated: October 25, 2004

Respectfully submitted,

An Authorized Representative of
Home Depot USA, Inc.

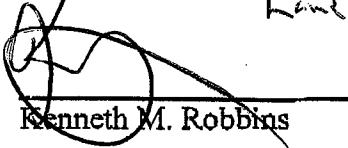

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Kenneth M. Robbins, hereby certify that I have on October 25, 2004 served a true and correct copy the above document on counsel for all parties by first class mail.


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